

## **When Bad Things Happen to Good People Helping Michigan Students Cope with the Tragedy of Katrina**

Hurricane Katrina dealt a devastating blow to many of our fellow citizens. While not directly affected, many of our Michigan students have questions that go beyond the science of hurricanes and flooding.

The following listing is a set of resources for the use of teachers, consultants and parents.

### **Children, Terrorism & Disasters Toolkit: Responding to Children's Emotional Needs During Times of Crisis: An Important Role for Pediatricians**

This easy to read list of 13 tips for parents and caregivers is important to review after every natural or manmade disaster.

[www.aap.org/terrorism/topics/parents.pdf](http://www.aap.org/terrorism/topics/parents.pdf)

### **Helping Children Cope with Loss, Death and Grief: Response to a National Tragedy**

The National Association of School Psychologists site helps teachers and school personnel identify students in need of extra support with suggestions on how to help.

[www.nasponline.org/NEAT/grief.html](http://www.nasponline.org/NEAT/grief.html)

### **Helping Children after a Natural Disaster: Information for Parents and Teachers**

The National Association of School Psychologists describes issues associated with specific disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, and floods as well as providing helpful information on how to deal with students demonstrating difficulties.

[www.nasponline.org/NEAT/naturaldisaster\\_ho.html](http://www.nasponline.org/NEAT/naturaldisaster_ho.html)

### **A National Tragedy: Helping Children Cope Tip Sheet**

Tips provided are in three categories: for all adults, parents, and schools. This website is a good resource for school newsletters or staff bulletins.

[www.nasponline.org/NEAT/terror\\_general.html](http://www.nasponline.org/NEAT/terror_general.html)

### **Helping Children Deal with Tragic Events in the News**

Mister Rogers' Neighborhood has important information about helping students cope with tragic events in the news. The information provided and helpful hints are invaluable for everyone responsible for children.

<http://pbskids.org/rogers/parentsteachers/special/scarynews-thoughts.html>